



Case 7116-1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
Herbert BUSSE et al. : Group Art Unit: 3676  
Serial No.: 10/615,400 : Confirmation No. 8469  
Filed: July 9, 2003 :  
For: LOW-FRICTION SEAL :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.